

OFFICE OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE
CIVIL AIR PATROL

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Subject: Training Program

To: All Wing Commanders

1. Objective. The objective of the training program is to give the members and organized units of the Civil Air Patrol the individual and group training necessary to prepare them for the duties and missions they may be called upon to perform and thus make the Patrol of maximum value to the armed and civilian components of defense.

2. Advisory Committee on Training Directive. To advise and assist the Civil Air Patrol in the planning and conduct of its training program, there has been created an Advisory Committee on Training Directive. This committee is made up of experienced representatives of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Civil Aeronautics Administration, U. S. Office of Education, Training and Re-employment Division of Works Progress Administration, National Youth Administration, Office of Civilian Defense, and civil aviation activities, and is organized into subcommittees which are working on various phases of the program.

3. Scope of Training. The training program will consist of a series of basic and specialized courses. The basic courses will be required of all members of the Patrol and will include such subjects as military courtesy and discipline, infantry drill for foot troops without arms, local civilian defense familiarization, first aid for civilian defense, national defense familiarization, and airport protection. Specialized courses are being developed for both the flying and the ground personnel. These courses will include such subjects as terrain familiarization, map and aerial photograph reading, meteorology, aerial navigation, aviation communications, observation and reconnaissance aviation, aircraft maintenance, airport service operations, and motor transportation.

4. Training Directives. Training Directives will be issued by National Headquarters covering the courses of instruction. Each of these directives will state the purpose of the course covered, list the text or texts to be used, or other source or sources from which material is to be drawn, and recommend the instruction procedure to be followed in conducting the course. Copies of the Training Directives will be forwarded directly from National Headquarters to the Wing Commanders in sufficient quantity